



Mount Greylock State Reservation

Department of Conservation and Recreation

MAY 2023 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. All programs **meet at the Mount Greylock Visitor Center** unless otherwise noted. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit <u>Mass.gov/COVID</u> for guidance. For additional information and weather updates, call the Visitor Center at (413) 499-4262.

OPEN DAILY

VISITOR CENTER, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Interpretive exhibits explore the park story through artifacts and displays. Trail maps, hike guidance, 13-minute orientation film, bathrooms, drinking water available. Wheelchair accessible.

SUNDAYS, ONGOING

NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT, 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Free for all ages. Suitable for children and families. **Self-guided** adventurous quests invite you to search for natural treasures along park trails. Several "seek and find" scavenger hunts for different age and skill levels. Scavenger Hunts are available at the Visitor Center.

DAILY, ONGOING

SENSING SPRING TRIP-TIP

Free for all ages. **Self-guided** activity explores in and around Mount Greylock State Reservation. Spring awakens our senses, enticing us to get out and explore nature's long-awaited revival! A great time to explore the outdoors at these Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) properties in the northern Berkshires. Start your adventure by clicking here - https://www.mass.gov/doc/sensing-spring-mt-greylock-trip-tip/download

SPECIAL EVENTS

MAY IS PRESERVATION MONTH

Every May, nationwide, preservation groups, historical societies, business and civic organizations celebrate **Preservation Month**, through events that promote historic places and heritage tourism. These programs demonstrate the social and economic benefits of historic preservation and provide opportunities to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our nation. **Check out programs details on page 2-3.**

SATURDAY, MAY 20

AUTO ROADS TO SUMMIT REOPEN

The parkway to the summit of Mount Greylock reopens for the 2023 season on Saturday, May 20 (weather permitting). **Bascom Lodge** is opens for the 2022 season on Saturday, May 27. For Bascom Lodge information visit: **BascomLodge.net**. **Please Note:** Public restrooms at the Summit open on May 27. For additional information and weather updates, call the Visitor Center at (413) 499-4262.

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FRIDAYS, MAY 12 & 26 NICE & EASY HIKE, 1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

Free. Easy-paced, one to 3-mile guided hikes geared toward seniors, but open to all ages. Join fellow hikers to share in the joy of the great outdoors! Dress appropriately for weather; hiking poles and traction devices for boots, trails could be muddy. Bring drinking water and a snack. Inclement weather cancels. Locations vary: call the Visitor Center in advance at (413) 499-4262 for the meeting location and weather update. Program duration 1.5-2 hours.

SATURDAY, **MAY 13**

MT GREYLOCK PHOTO GROUP MEET-UP: WATERSHED MOMENTS, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Free for all ages. For everyone who loves nature and opportunities to photograph beautiful landscapes! Bring along your camera, tablet or your cellphone. All skill levels welcome. Meet at Farnham's Road causeway, off Route 8 in **Cheshire.** A short, easy walk beside Cheshire Reservoir on the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail. **Note:** Dress for the weather; the trail along the reservoir can be windy. Program duration 1.5—2 hours. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/ events/2106343819560114, or join the Mt Greylock Photography Group at https://www.facebook.com/ groups/427752957932877. Call the Visitor Center in advance at (413) 499-4262 for directions and weather updates.

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SUNDAY, **MAY 21**

FAMILY HISTORY IN THE PARK, 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Free for ages 12 and older. Ever thought about your family history? Discover helpful tips on genealogy in celebration of National Preservation Month. Join a genealogist expert from the Berkshire Family History Association (BFHA) for an informative PowerPoint show on family history research. Learn basic techniques and suggestions to help you discover more about *your* family tree. Presentation is 45 minutes. Following, join a park interpreter for an optional 1-hour trail tour with walking narrative about the Bradley Family of Lanesborough, prominent early settlers on Mount Greylock. Program co-sponsored by the BFHA. Meet at the Visitor Center.

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SATURDAY, MAY 27 PARKITECTURE - BUILDING INTO THE LANDSCAPE, 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Free for all ages. Discover the planned "Parkitecture" of historic Bascom Lodge. This rustic structure, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, was designed to fit into the landscape on the highest point in Massachusetts. Today, the lodge is a demonstration of preservation success through DCR's Historic Curatorship Program, enabling future generations to enjoy mountain-top amenities. Estimated tour duration 30 minutes. **Meet at the bronze relief map on the summit.** Tour route is wheelchair accessible. Parking fee may apply.

SUNDAY, MAY 28 & MONDAY, MAY 29 A TOWER OF REMEMBRANCE 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Free for all ages. This Memorial Day Weekend explore and honor the story of Mount Greylock's historic Massachusetts Veterans War Memorial Tower. This 93-foot tall monument, crowned with a beacon light, is the Commonwealth's tribute to those who gave their lives in the service of their country. The tour also highlights \$2 million restoration efforts, upgrades, energy conservation and new visitor amenities. Tour duration is 30 minutes. **Meet on the summit beside the War Memorial Tower entrance.** Tour route is wheelchair accessible. Parking fee may apply.

ATTENTION HIKERS:

Be prepared for variable spring weather; dress in layers and wear sturdy boots. Hiking poles may be advisable. Spring trails may be muddy. Bring bug repellant, drinking water and a snack. Most guided hikes cancel in inclement weather. For additional information on programs and weather updates, call the Visitor Center at (413) 499-4262.

